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Applicant(s):	Timothy E. Benson)	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
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For:

CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS THYMIDYLATE KINASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/632,553, filed August 4, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/147,117, filed August 4, 1999.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."